

*“A great observatory like the
Keck is one of those human
achievements which, like the Large
Hadron Collider, the Human Genome
Project, William Shakespeare and Franz
Schubert – render me tearful with pride at
belonging to the species *Homo sapiens*.”*

W. M. Keck Observatory

Mauna Kea, Hawaii

Alison LaDuke

— Richard Dawkins

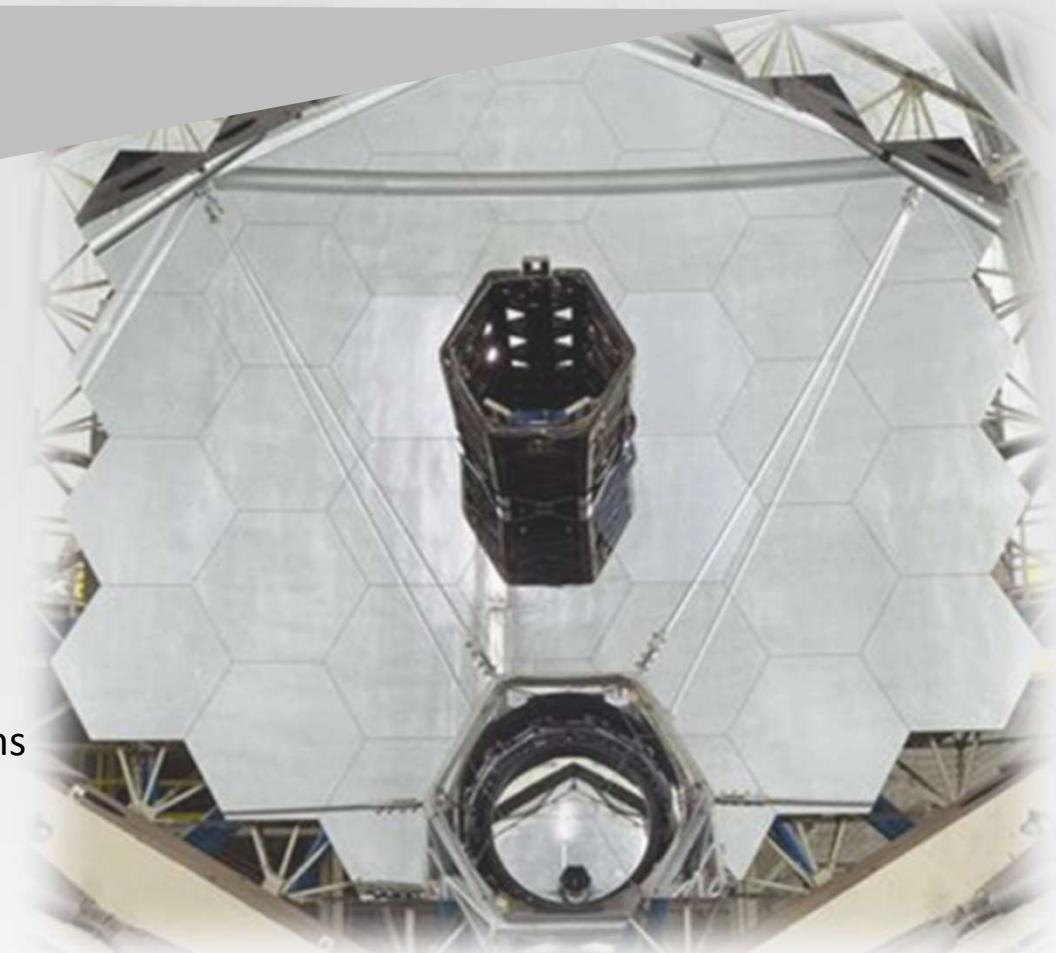
Design and Instrumentation

- Two optical-infrared telescopes

- 10-meter primary mirrors
- 36 hexagonal mirror segments
- Altazimuth mount
- Interferometry
- Active optics correct for mechanical stresses
- Adaptive optics correct for atmospheric distortions

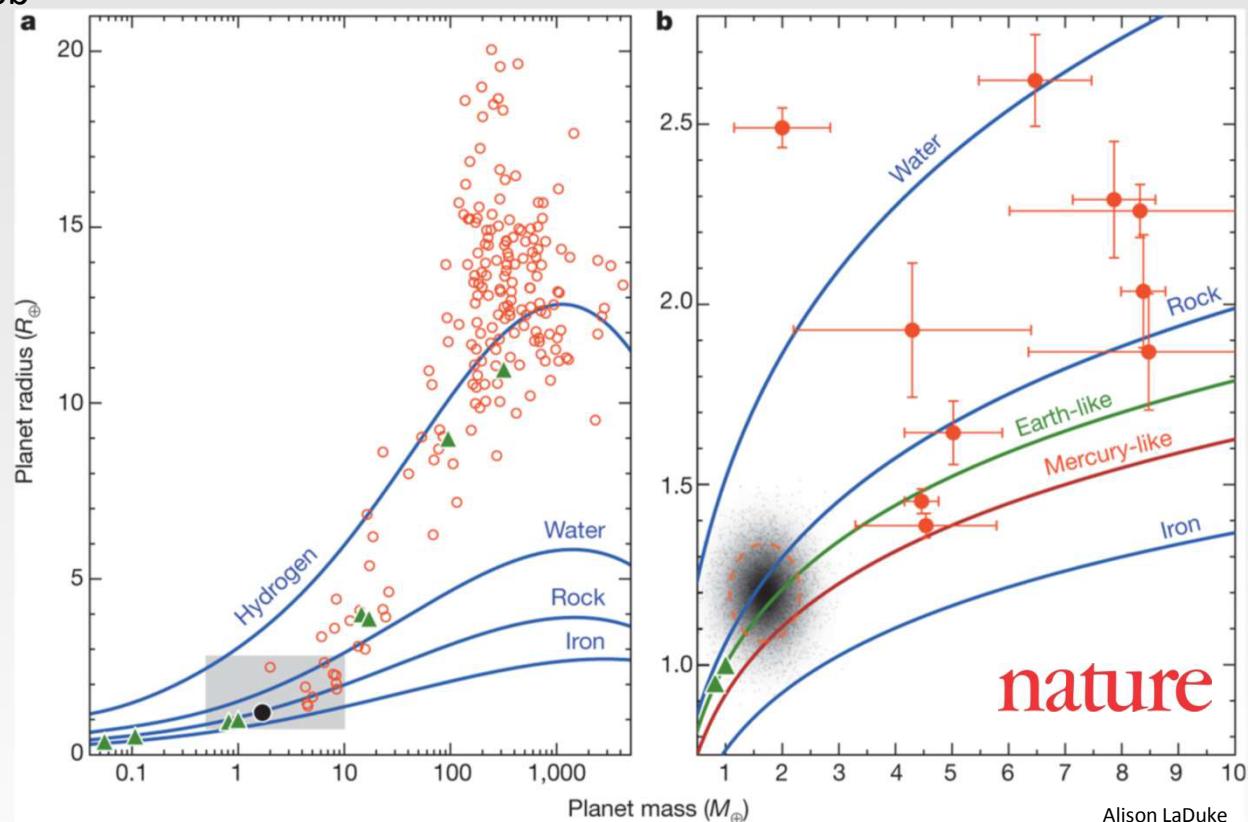
- Spectrometry and Imaging

- HIRES echelle spectrometer: exoplanet detection
- KCWI integral field spectrograph: spatially-resolve extended objects from their spectra
- LRIS imaging spectrograph: images faint galaxies and galactic clusters

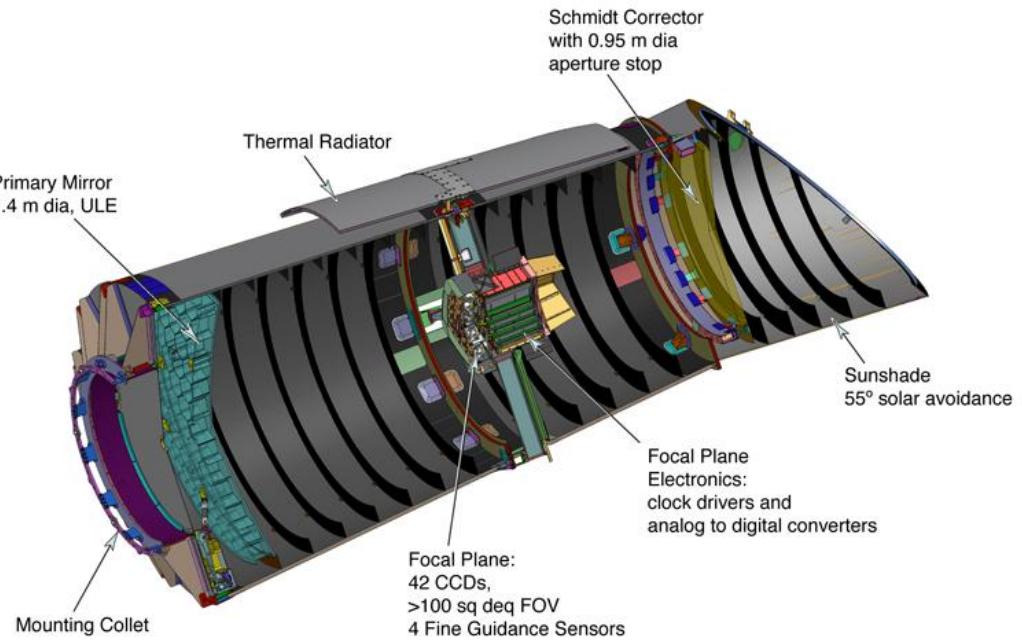
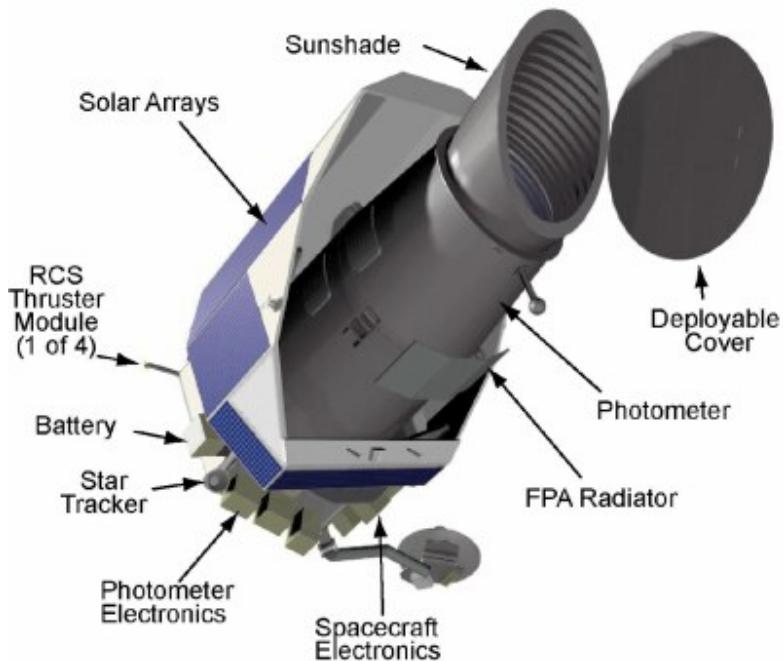
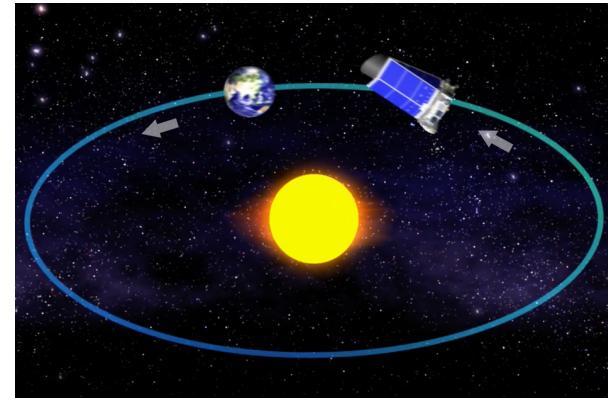


A rocky composition for an Earth-sized exoplanet

- Published during the discovery of Kepler-78b
- Keck I Telescope took data over 45 days
- Measured radial velocities using HIRES
- Constrained mass to be $1.69 \pm 0.41 M_{\oplus}$
- Constrained radius to be $1.2 \pm 0.09 R_{\oplus}$
- Estimated density to be $5.3 \pm 1.8 g cm^{-3}$
- Kepler-78b is likely made of rock and iron



Kepler Space Telescope: Instrumentation and Design

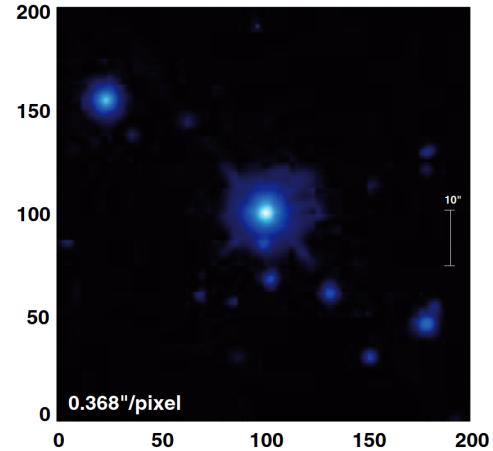


Kepler-22b: A 2.4 EARTH-RADIUS PLANET IN THE HABITABLE ZONE OF A SUN-LIKE STAR

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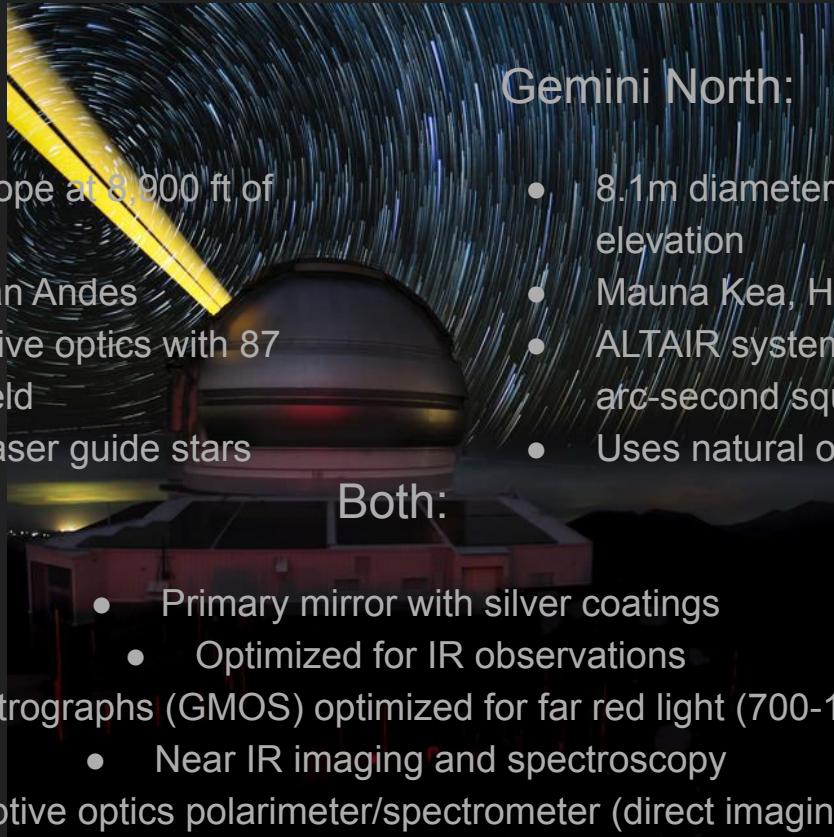


- Kepler-22b is the first known transiting planet to orbit within the habitable zone of a Sun-like star.
- Orbital period of 290 days.
- Series of tests to avoid false positives.
- Final validation from radial velocity measurements from Keck 1.
- The radiative equilibrium temperature is 262 K.
- Upper limit on mass: 36 Earth masses at 1-sigma confidence.

Gemini Telescope Pair

Gemini South:

- 8.1m diameter telescope at 8,900 ft of elevation
- Cerro Pachón, Chilean Andes
- GSAOI system adaptive optics with 87 arc-second square field
- Uses natural or five laser guide stars



Gemini North:

- 8.1m diameter telescope at 13,800 ft of elevation
- Mauna Kea, Hawaii
- ALTAIR system adaptive optics with 22.5 arc-second square field
- Uses natural or single laser guide star

Both:

- Primary mirror with silver coatings
 - Optimized for IR observations
- Spectrographs (GMOS) optimized for far red light (700-1000nm)
 - Near IR imaging and spectroscopy
- GPI: adaptive optics polarimeter/spectrometer (direct imaging of planets)

Use of Gemini Data

Data published on Jun 29th, 2010.

First direct imaging of a planet around a sun-like star from initial detection in April 2008.

Team confirmed proper motion, and determined temperature and mass.

330 AU from host star, 1800K, 0.008 solar masses.

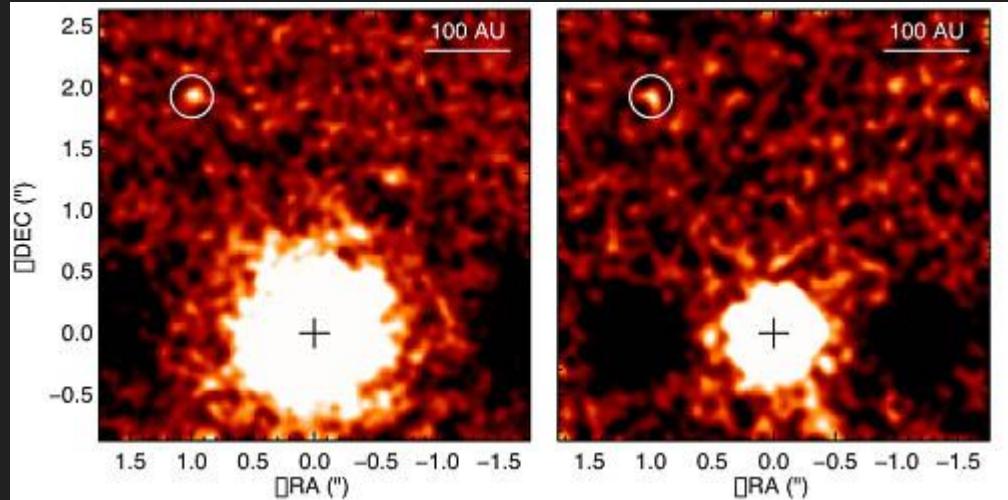


Figure: images of 1RXS J160929 at 3.05 (left) and 3.8 (right) microns. Images obtained via Near Infrared Imager (NIRI) with adaptive optics ALTAIR.

arXiv: 1006.3070

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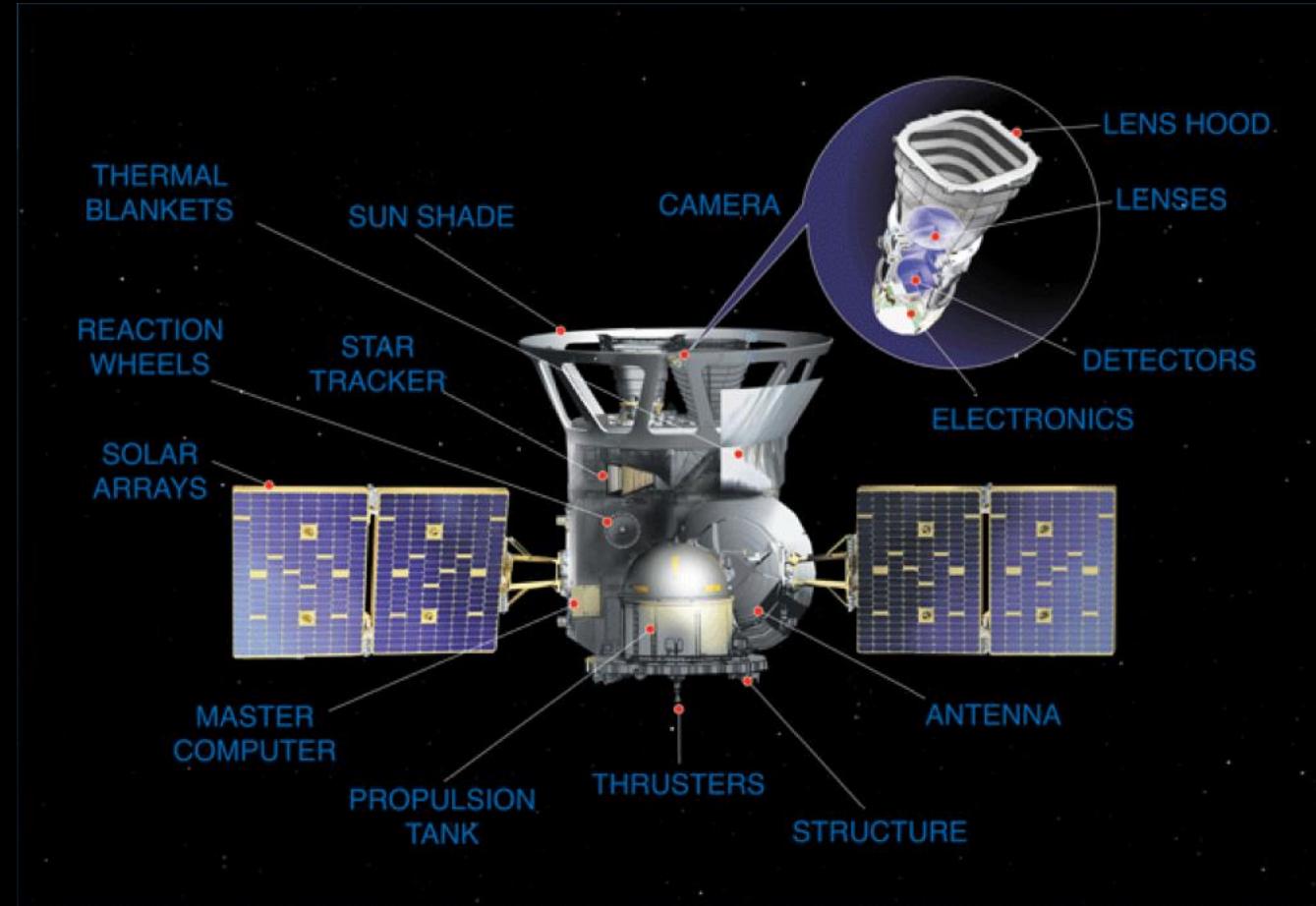
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Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)

- TESS is a space satellite orbiting earth.
- Four identical cameras are used for imaging, each with a 24x24 degree field of view.
- Each camera has an optical bandpass covering ~600nm-1000nm. The resolution per pixel is 21".
- On April 18, 2018 the satellite launched into a highly elliptical orbit. It is intended to have a two-year survey.



TESS Mission

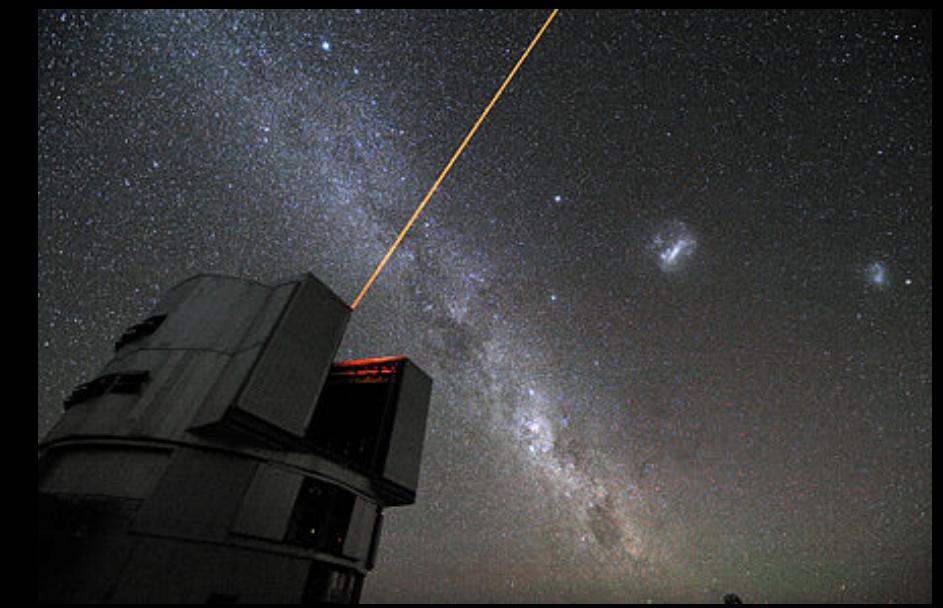
- TESS' mission is to identify exoplanets by the transit method. It will also target about 20,000 requested objects during its mission.
- It produces full frame images that can then be broken down for targeting a small subset of pixels.
- Recently, an earth sized exoplanet (TOI 700d) was discovered in the habitable zone of a red dwarf 101.4 ly away.



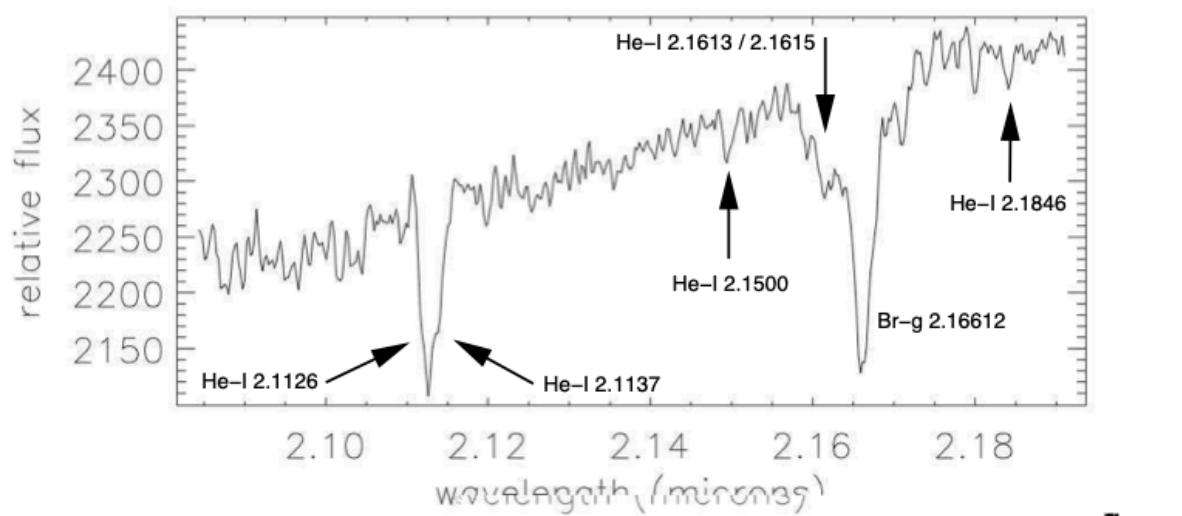
Very Large Telescope (VLT)



- Four large 8.2 meter Unit Telescopes (UT) and four smaller 1.8 meter Auxiliary Telescopes (AT)
- UT names (Mapuche origin): Antu, Kueyen, Melipal, Yepun
- Three main modes:
 - As four independent telescopes using the UTs (primary use)
 - As a single large interferometer (VLT Interferometer or VLTI). ATs are dedicated to interferometry and allow the VLTI to operate every night
 - As a single large incoherent instrument (different frequencies of light and out of phase) for optimal light gathering



- Largest number of instruments for any single observatory
- Examples:
 - ESPRESSO (Echelle Spectrograph for Rocky Exoplanet and Stable Spectroscopic Observations) - Used for searching for habitable zone exoplanets using spectroscopy and radial velocity precision
 - FLAMES (Fibre Large Array Multi-Element Spectrograph) - Allows for studying hundreds of individual stars at once in nearby galaxies
 - Spectrometers: ESPRESSO, FLAMES, FORS2, KMOS, MUSE, NACO, SINFONI, UVES, VIMOS, VISIR, X-SHOOTER
 - Imagers: FORS2, GRAVITY, HAWK-I, NACO, PIONEER
 - Adaptive Optics: NACO, SPHERE

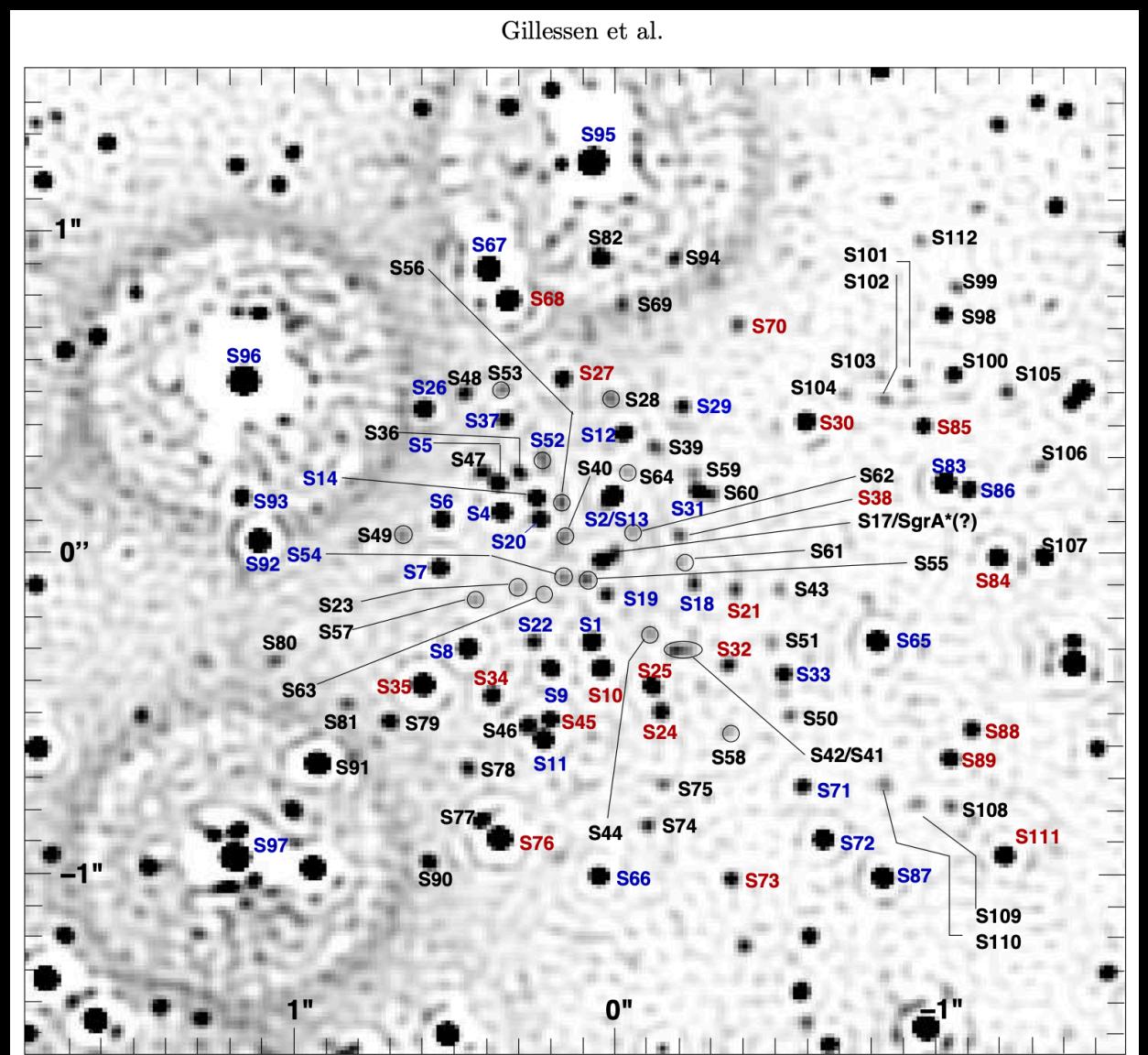
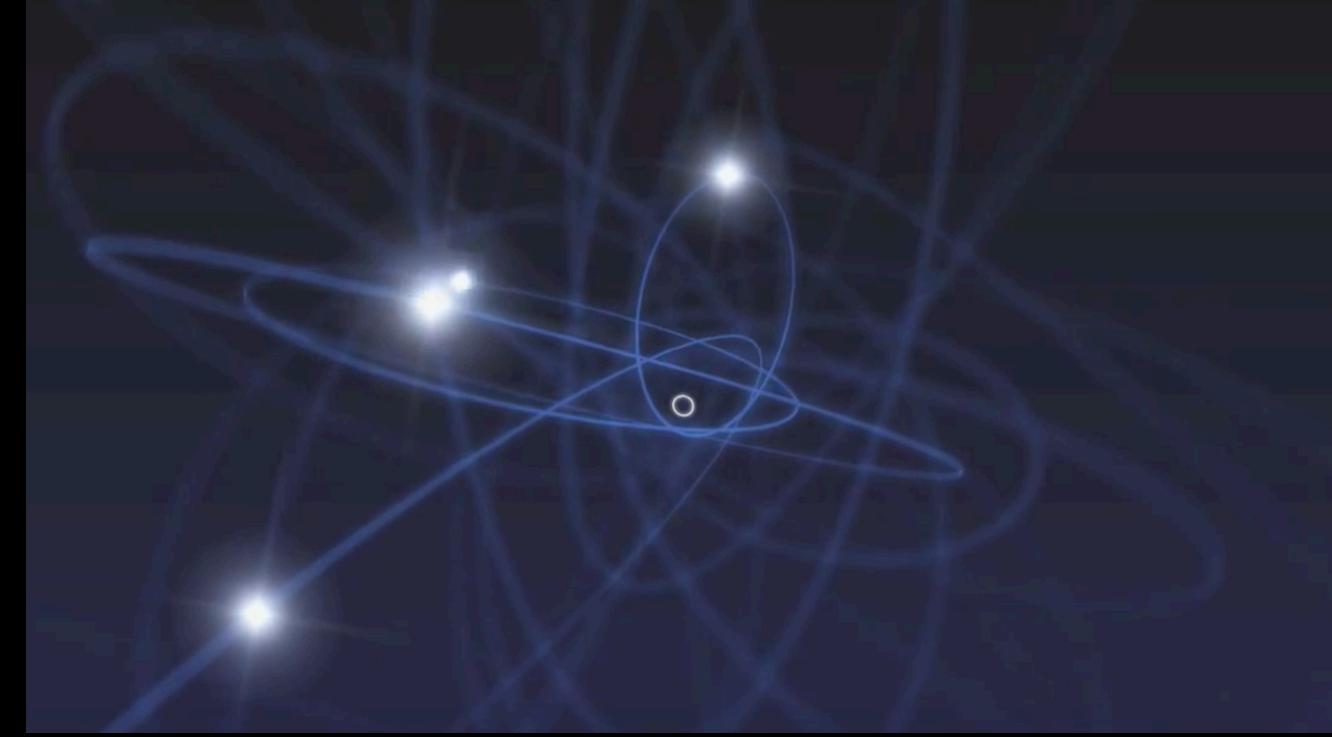


VLT Results

- Gillesen et. al. — Monitoring stellar orbits around the Massive Black Hole in the Galactic Center
- 16 year study of stars near Sgr A* (black hole at the center of the Milky Way) using high resolution Near IR techniques
- Determined the orbits of 28 stars fit extremely well by a single point mass gravitational source
- Central object mass is $4.31 \pm 0.06(\text{stat}) \pm 0.36(R_0) \times 10^6 M_\odot$
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2R3wwrl_f8 — (25 sec, motion of stars near Sgr A*)

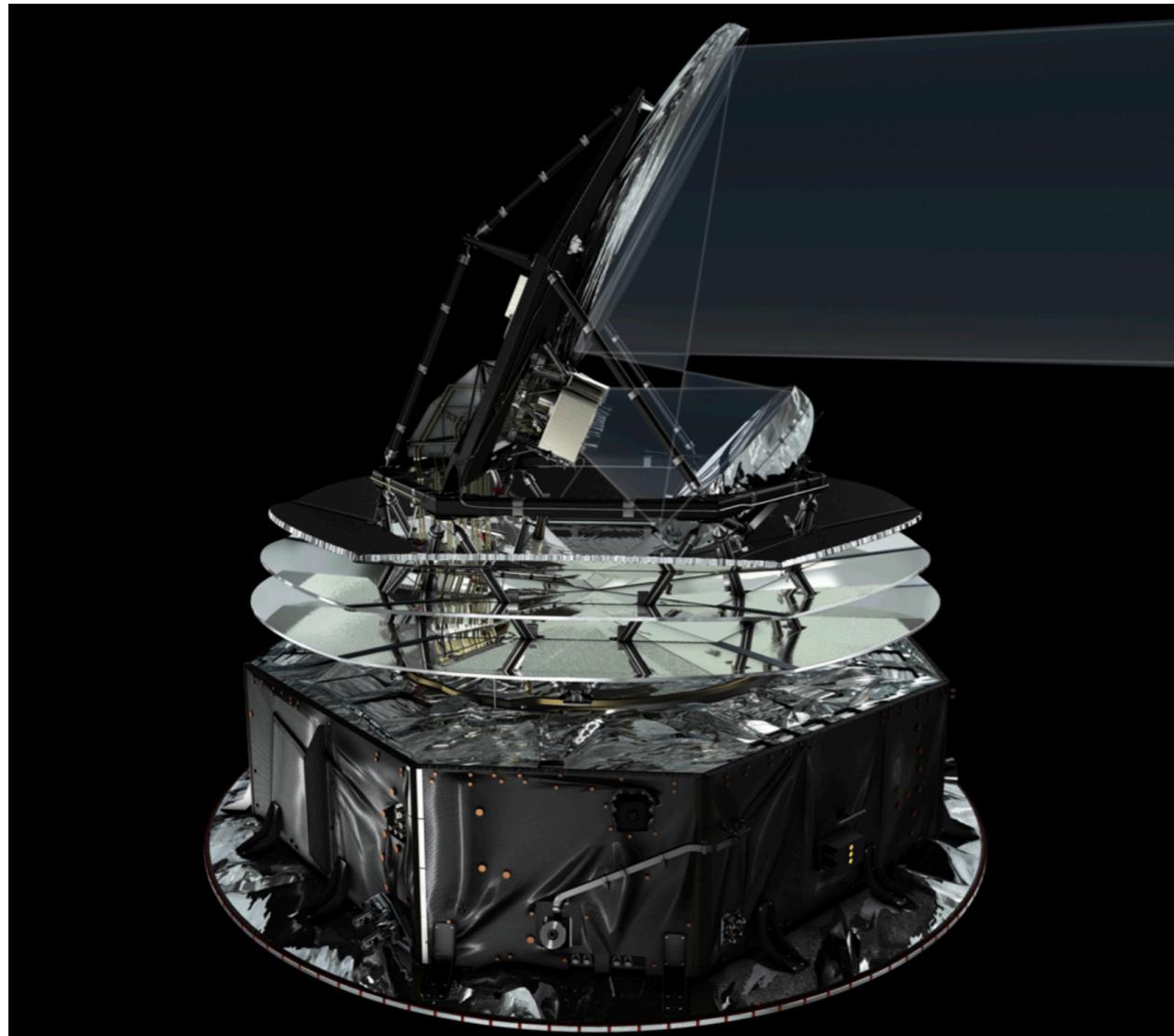
- Other results:

- Discovery of Beta Pictoris b, the first exoplanet discovered by direct imaging
- Observing the afterglow of the furthest known gamma-ray burst
- First successful test of GR on the motion of a star passing near a supermassive black hole
- Estimated the age of first generation stars (13.4 ± 0.8 billion years)



Sources: Very Large Telescope – Wikipedia
European Southern Observatory – eso0846
arXiv 0810.4674

Planck Space Telescope: Design and Instruments



The focal plane unit (FPU) is composed of two sets of detectors: HFI and LFI.

HFI: 0.35mm to 3 mm

LFI: 4.3mm to 10 mm

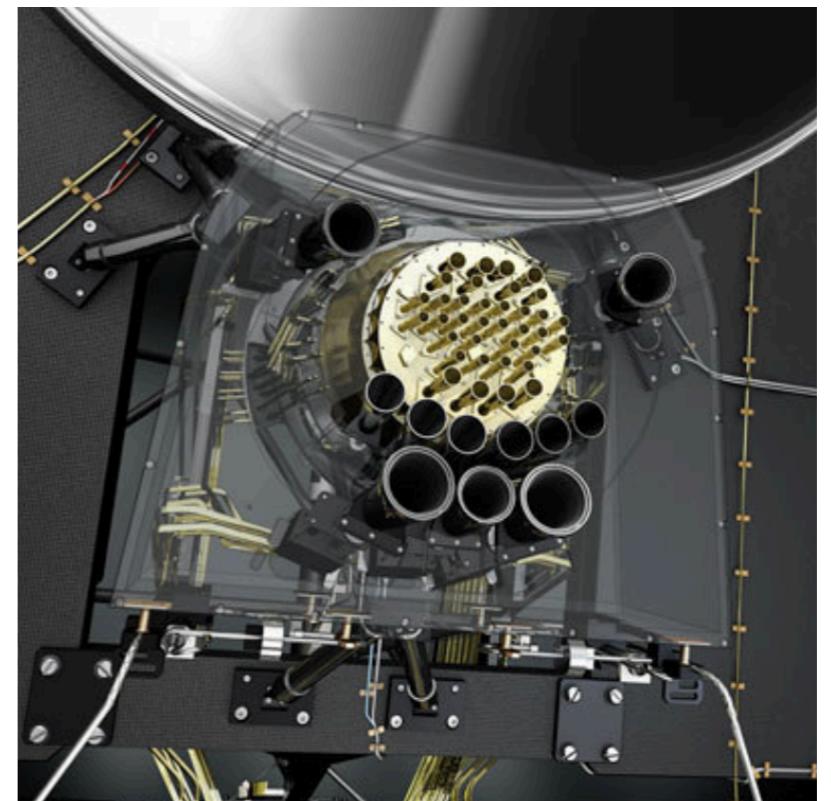
Planck (2009-2013) mapped CMB radiation at microwave and infra-red frequencies.

Small angular resolution:
5 arcminutes->1.2m in diameter or larger

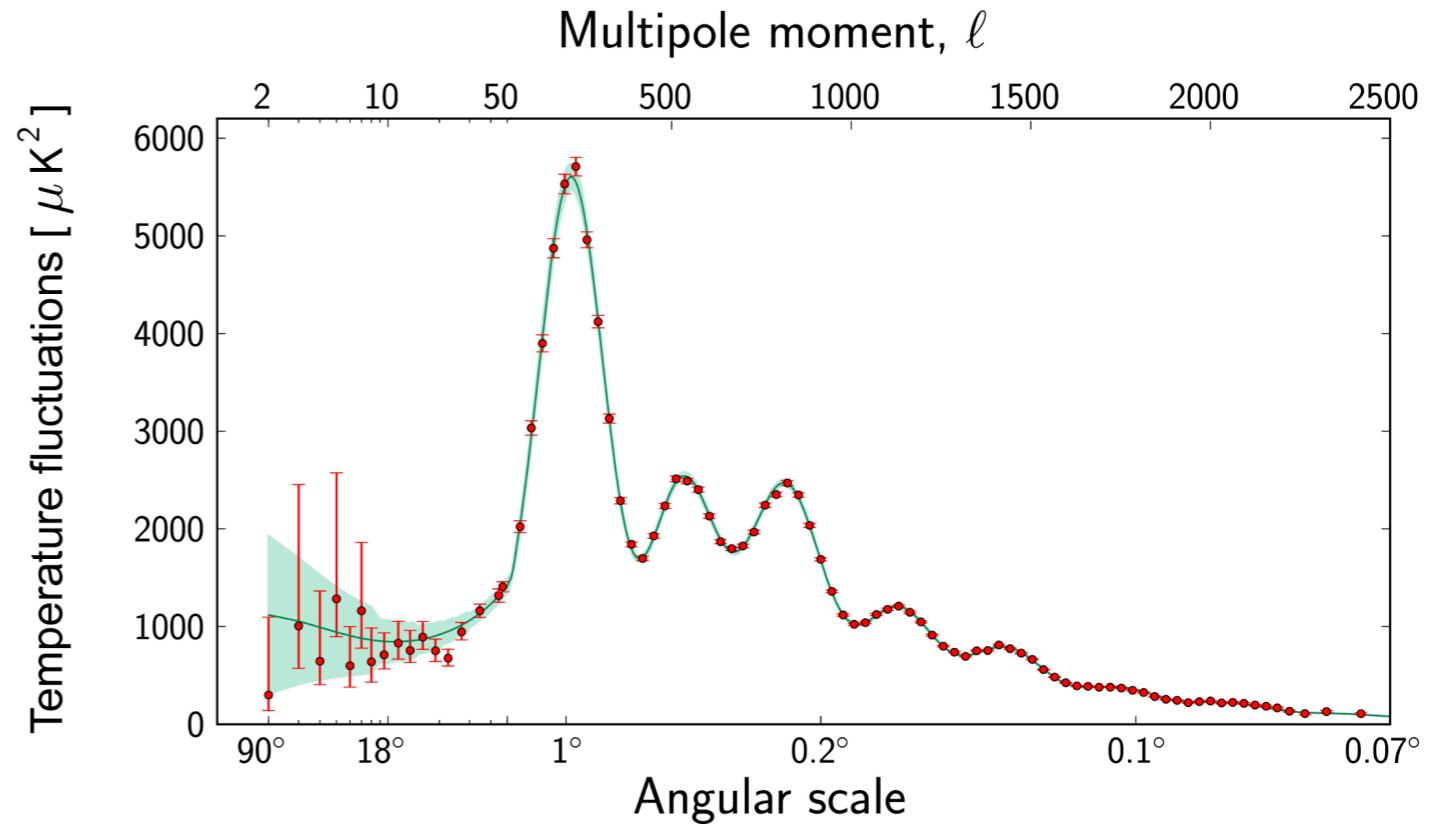
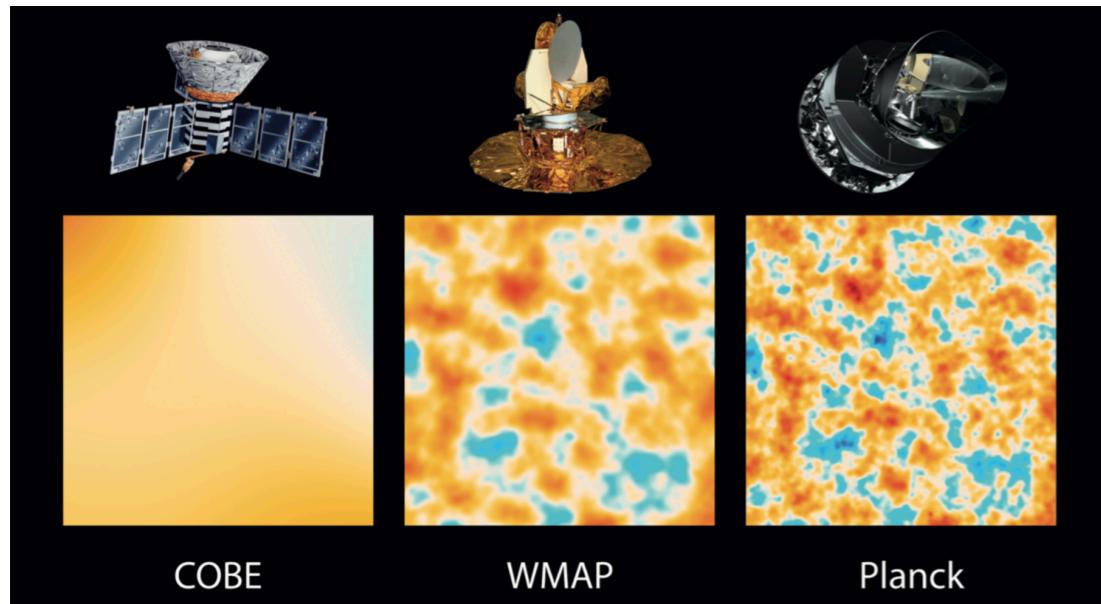
High sensitivity:

$$\Delta T/T \sim 2.5 \times 10^{-6}$$

Two instruments working with different technologies and at different wavelength regimes are used.



Planck Space Telescope: Research Related



	<i>Planck+WP</i>	<i>Planck+WP+BAO</i>	<i>WMAP-9</i>
$\Omega_b h^2$	0.02206 ± 0.00028	0.02220 ± 0.00025	0.02309 ± 0.00130
$\Omega_c h^2$	0.1174 ± 0.0030	0.1161 ± 0.0028	0.1148 ± 0.0048
τ	0.095 ± 0.014	0.097 ± 0.014	0.089 ± 0.014
H_0	65.2 ± 1.8	66.7 ± 1.1	74 ± 11
n_s	0.974 ± 0.012	0.975 ± 0.012	0.973 ± 0.014
$\log(10^{10} A_s)$	3.106 ± 0.029	3.100 ± 0.029	3.090 ± 0.039
α/α_0	0.9936 ± 0.0043	0.9989 ± 0.0037	1.008 ± 0.020

Observations of CMB polarizations

Observation of CMB gravitational lensing

Creation of galaxy cluster catalog through Sunyaev-Zel'dovich effect

Atacama Cosmology Telescope (ACT)

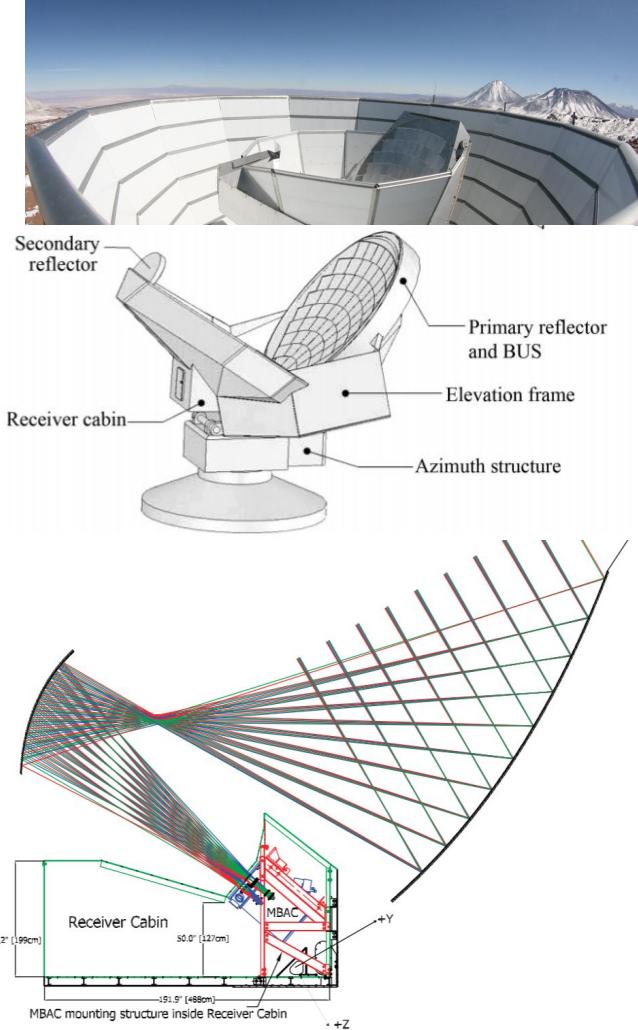
- Located on Cerro Toco in Northern Chile
 - Observations at 145, 215, and 280 GHz -- need high, dry conditions
- Bolometric detectors [MBAC, ACTPol, AdvACT]
 - 32 x 32 array of “transition edge sensor” bolometers at each frequency
 - 1.05 mm square detectors; each grid cooled to 0.3 K
 - Detector spacing: 1.05 mm (44”) horizontal, 1.15 mm (48”) vertical
- “Approximates an ideal aplanatic Gregorian telescope”
 - Primary: 6 m, 71 aluminum segments
 - Secondary: 2 m, 11 aluminum segments
 - Shapes of both described by:

$$z(x, y) = z_{\text{vert}} + \frac{(x^2 + y^2)/R}{1 + \sqrt{1 - (1 + K)(x^2 + y^2)/R^2}}$$

- Additional considerations:
 - Design eliminates leading-order spherical aberration and coma
 - Azimuthal rotation limits impact of drifting detector response
 - Some field distortion (horizontal stretching, shearing w.r.t. elevation)
 - Ghost images due to even # of reflections from the MBAC surfaces

Table 2. Atacama Cosmology Telescope Mirror Shapes^a

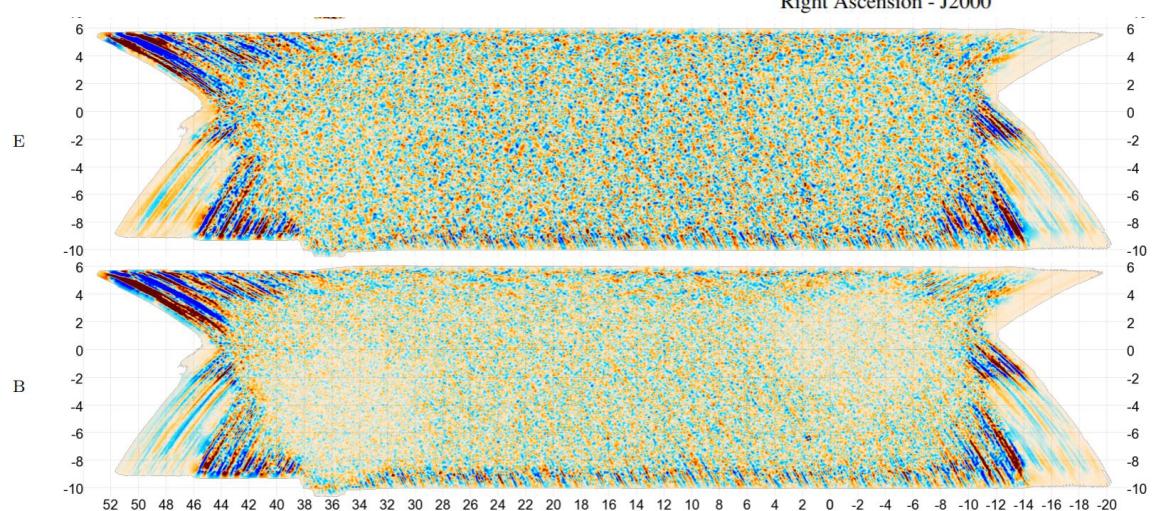
Mirror	z_{vert} (m)	R (m)	K	y_0 (m)	a (m)	b (m)
Primary	0.0000	-10.0000	-0.940935	5.000	3.000	3.000
Secondary	-6.6625	2.4938	-0.322366	-1.488	1.020	0.905
Gregorian focus ^b	-1.6758					



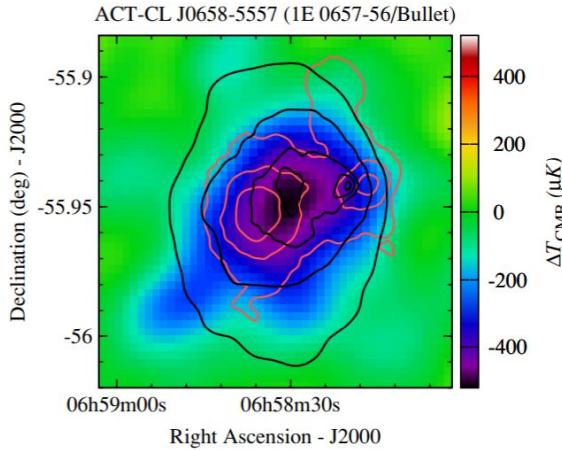
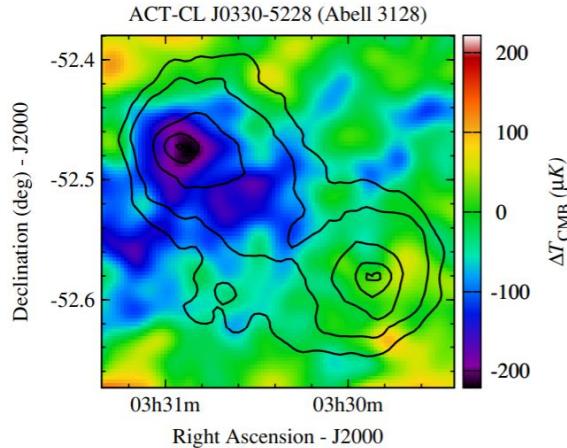
ACT Published Results

Detecting galactic clusters through the Sunyaev–Zel'dovich (SZ) effect. Black outlines are X-ray emission (previous method for observing the clusters shown).

[Data taken with MBAC]



[A.D. Hincks et. al. "THE ATACAMA COSMOLOGY TELESCOPE \(ACT\): BEAM PROFILES AND FIRST SZ CLUSTER MAPS". \(2010\).](#)



ACT observations of the CMB in equatorial coordinates, shown with 2 different filters.

[Data from MBAC and ACTPol]

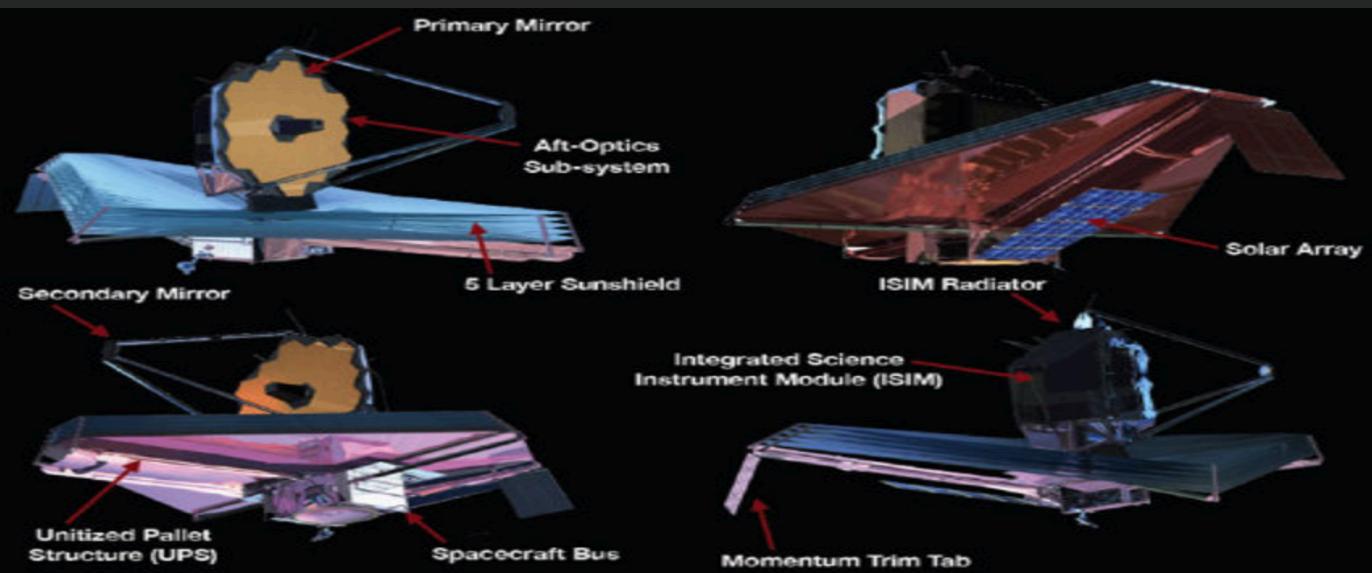
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James Webb Space Telescope

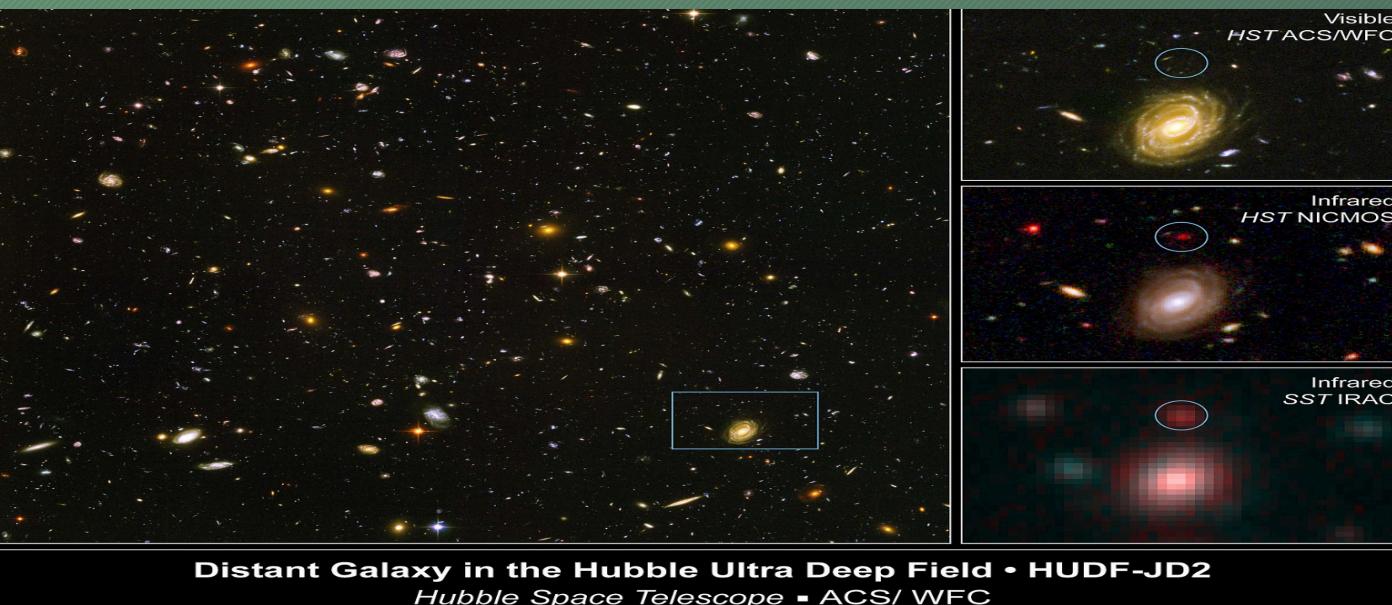


<https://jwst.nasa.gov/Webb3d/>

- Formerly known as the “*Next Generation Space Telescope*”, the Webb was renamed after a former NASA administrator
- This telescope that will be shipped into space in ~2021. Will be largest telescope in place and much more powerful than Hubble
 - Will use infrared vision to see 13.5 billion years into the past and into distant galaxies, but will still be used to observe our solar system
 - Unlike Hubble (that orbits a few hundred kilometers from Earth) Webb will orbit the sun a million miles away from the Earth
 - It will be able to operate at around -370F (50K) and with great sensitivity. “It could detect the heat signature of a bee at the from earth to the moon as well as see the details of a penny at 24 miles out”



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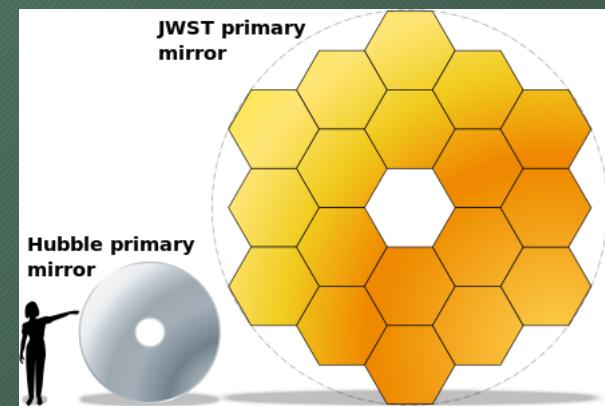


Distant Galaxy in the Hubble Ultra Deep Field • HUDF-JD2
Hubble Space Telescope - ACS/ WFC

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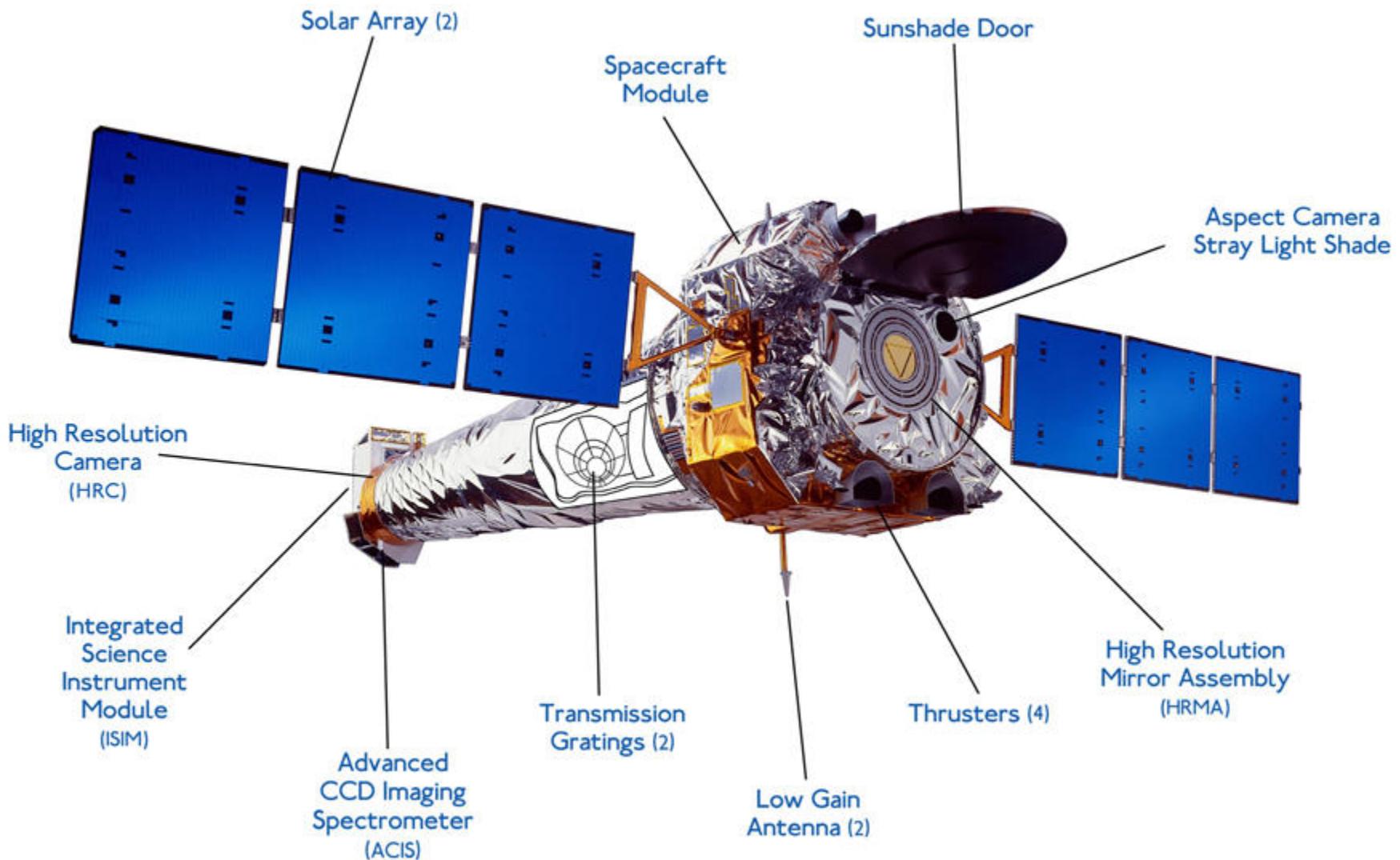
- Will be folded origami style to fit into the rocket when launched

- Has a five-layer sunshield



- The estimated cost is projected to be at \$10 billion

NASA's Chandra X-Ray Observatory





Instrumentation and Discoveries

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- Advanced CCD Imaging Spectrometer (ACIS)
- High/Low Energy Transmission Grating Spectrometer (H/L ETGS)

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M87 is propelling particles away from it faster than 99% the speed of light.

